Leakage of question papers for management Trainee in SAIL

1508. SHRI V. GOPAL SAMY :
SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKAT RAMAN:
SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the question papers for the examination for recruitment of management trainees (technical) in the Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) which was to be held on 12th January, 1992 were leaked out; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken against those who are responsible for the leak?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) The examination for recruitment of Management Trainees (Technical) in Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL) was scheduled for 12th January, 1992. On the day of the examination, there was a press report from Madras about the leakage of the question papers. There was no such report from any other source or centre of examination.

(b) Since the Madras Press had reported about the leakage on the day of examination, with a view to maintaining uniformity and fairness of assessment, the examination at Madras centre was reconducted.

The matter has been reported by SAIL to the Police at Madras and has also been handed over to the CBI for investigation. Reports from these agencies are awaited.

Allocation of steel under discretionary Quota

1509. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the allocations of Steel made by the Development Commissioner Iron & Steel, and the Commercial Director, SAIL from their discretionary Quota and General allocation under Steel Control Scheme since July, 1990;

(b) whether it is a fact that all allocations made by these two authorities are centralised and computerised;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the above mentioned two authorities have allocated materials to fictitious companies under their discretionary quota and ad-hoc quota in general, after getting rich premium from them; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that they use delaying tactics only to slow down the process of further inquiry into the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) The procedure for distribution of iron and steel by the Main producers has been laid down in the relevant Guidlines for Distribution of Iron & Steel. In terms of these guidelines, some allocations of steel were also made to some consumers from the respective "reserves", by the Development Commissioner for Iron & Steel (DCI&S) and Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) during 1990-91 and 1991-92. The available details are given below:

(Qty. in tonnes)

Steel materials released from the "Reserves"

Materials	SAIL		DCI & S
	1990-91	1991-92 (Apr-Sept '91)	1991-92
(i) Billets/Semis	681.00	400.00	17,061.00
(ii) Wire Rods	176.00	70.00	2,504.00
(iii) HR Coils	100.00	392.15	20,559.30
(iv) Other items	812.10	1178.00	20,950.50
TOTAL :	1769.10	2040.15	61,074.80

(b) No. Sir.

(c) No specific instance has been reported.

(d) No, Sir.

Supply of HR sheets by SAIL to North Bihar Development Authorities

1510. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 10 thousand tonnes of HR Sheets or coils were allotted to North Bihar Development Authorities in April, 1991 and the same were concealed;

(b) the number of false manufacturing companies situated in the North Bihar and South Bihar with their manufacturing capacity; and the quantity that is supplied to them annually by SAIL;

(c) The details of the orders placed by Government with these companies in terms of quantum and price; and

(d) whether Government propose to institute an enquiry in the affairs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) There was no supply of 10,000 tonnes of HR sheets or coils to North Bihar Development Authorities by Steel Authority of India Limited, in April, 1991.

(b) No such information is available.

(c) No such information is available.

(d) No, Sir.

Production of Steel

1511. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total production of steel at present;

(b) the name of the State where maximum steel is produced; and

(c) what was the total export of steel during 1989 and whether the export increased in subsequent years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) The total production of finished steel during the year 1991-92 is estimated to be about 14·5 million tonnes.

(b) Production figures of steel are not compiled on State-wise basis.

(c) The total export of steel during the year 1989 was 299,000 tonnes. It is a fact that in subsequent years, exports have increased.

विभिन्न क्षेत्रों का निजीकरण

1512. **मौलाना अबैदुल्ला खान आज़मी**: क्या इस्पात मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या उनके मंत्रालय में विभिन्न क्षेत्रों में निजीकरण शुरू किए जाने संबंधी कोई प्रस्ताव विचाराधीन है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है?

इस्पात मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री सन्तोष मोहन देव): (क) और (ख) इस्पात मंत्रालय के सरकारी क्षेत्र के किसी उपक्रम के निजीकरण का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है । हालांकि सरकार ने अपनियोजन किया है और स्टील अथारिटी आफ इण्डिया लिमिटेड के साम्य शेयरों के एक भाग को वित्तीय संस्थाओं/म्यूचुवल फण्डों को बेचा है । मेटल स्क्रैप ट्रेड कारपोरेशन के लिए भी इसी प्रकार के कदम उठाए जा रहे हैं। वित्तीय कठिनाइयों को ध्यान में रखते हुए एस बी आई कैपिटल मार्केट्स लिमिटेड को इण्डियन आयरन एण्ड स्टील कम्पनी लिमिटेड की आधुनिकीकरण योजनाओं को हाथ में लेने के लिए निजी क्षेत्र की भागीदारी की सम्भावनाओं का पता लगाने का कार्य सौंपा गया है । चयनात्मक आधार पर खनन क्षेत्र में निजी क्षेत्र की भागीदारी की भी गुंजाइश है ।

Export targets of SAIL

1513. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Steel Authority of India Limited is unlikely to fulfil the export targets in the current year;